

# RAILROAD CHIEFS INSURE INTERESTS IN THE VALLEY

Traffic Figures and Personal Observation Move Director Kruttschnitt to Approve Plans of Local Officials and Authorize Liberal Expenditure For Protective Works and Improved Service.

Southern Pacific chiefs, convinced by personal investigation of the great traffic-producing capacities of Imperial Valley, authorize extensive improvements and protective works. The irrigation system will be insured against flood damage by costly protective work at Volcano lake. Through trains will run over Valley branch when Inter-California line is completed. Refrigerator car service will be given immediately.

During the recent visit of Director Kruttschnitt and other heads of Southern Pacific departments to Imperial Valley, many suggestions of improvement and extension of railroad service were presented to and considered by Mr. Kruttschnitt, and most of them were "taken under advisement." The director looked at all such matters in the cold light of business expediency and was inclined to discount slightly the enthusiasm of his associates, who are in closer touch with the valley and its affairs and are anxious to keep the transportation facilities abreast of progress in other lines.

The director asked for facts and figures, and he accumulated a stock of information by personal observation. On the way north, some of the matters taken under advisement were decided, and orders were given for construction of protective works at Volcano lake to prevent possible damage to the irrigation system by an overflow of the Colorado.

It is not probable that the June flood this year will be high enough to cause serious trouble, but the railroad officials have learned that it is not wise to take chances on the vagaries of the Colorado, and they have decided to invest about \$80,000 in insurance of their valley property and business. The cash receipts of the valley branch for the month of March, 1908, were \$42,000 more than for March, 1907. That is one of the facts which influenced the department heads in their decision to spend money to safeguard the sources of revenue.

### Station Receipts.

By way of parenthesis, it is not and never was true that the receipts of Imperial station are in excess of the receipts at any other point in Southern California outside of Los Angeles. That statement has been true of the Imperial Valley branch as a whole, and because the railroad treated all business of the valley as one item, crediting it to the Imperial country, disingenuous local braggarts have appropriated the credit for one station. The largest business on the Imperial Valley branch of the Southern Pacific is at El Centro, and the cash receipts of that station exceed those of any other station. In outgoing freight, Imperial station leads at present. In incoming freight El Centro leads, as in the total volume of business.

### Levee to Be Built.

In accordance with instructions from headquarters, a force of men and teams is being assembled to begin work at once on the Volcano lake levee, which will extend from the Black Butte eastward along the ridge of a delta cone and turn all flood waters from overflowed land down the Hardy, preventing possible cutting back of New River channel. The levee will be twelve feet high, twelve feet across the top, and nine miles long, constructed with a six-foot muck ditch and an outside slope of 3 to 1. The cost is estimated at \$80,000, and it will take six weeks to do the work.

No work is being done on the Inter-California railroad in Mexican territory. The terms of concession do not require further extension this year, and at present other construction work of more pressing importance is given preference by the Southern Pacific.

### Train Service.

When the line is completed it is probable that trains 7 and 8, the El Paso and Los Angeles passenger service, will be placed on that route. Difficulties in the matter of customs inspection, which might have interfered with the plan, have been ad-

justed, and at some convenient time the line through the valley will be equipped to carry the heavy trains.

A proposal to take 7 and 8 off the El Paso run and make Calexico the terminus was considered favorably for a time, but it was found local traffic on the main line east of Yuma could not be handled to advantage by the fast through train, and the plan has been abandoned.

### Refrigerator Cars.

One of the most important improvements, secured by Division Superintendent Platt, is the establishment of refrigerator car service on the valley branch. This will make it possible to ship eggs, butter, poultry, vegetables and fruit to Los Angeles at all times, and as the shipments increase the service will be extended to stimulate business and meet the requirements of producers.

### DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Railroad Men and Friends Make Train and Auto Tour of the Valley.

General Manager E. E. Calvin and Division Superintendent H. V. Platt of the Southern Pacific were hosts for a party traveling by special train that spent several days during the present week in viewing the attractions of Imperial Valley.

The party arrived in the valley on Tuesday evening, and went to Calexico for the night. The train carried a special car in which were stowed three large automobiles for use of the party at stopping places. On Wednesday morning the autos were unloaded and a spin was taken down into old Mexico, and thence through portions of the California-Mexico Land & Cattle Company's ranch. The visitors then made the trip to El Centro by auto, their train having been sent on ahead. Wednesday afternoon all were visitors to The Press office, and they were free in their expressions of surprise at the development to be seen in all parts of the valley, and particularly the remarkable growth of El Centro.

During the afternoon the party was taken by motor car on the Inter-Urban road to Dr. Shepherd's ranch and on to Holtville, returning to El Centro to spend the night. They departed Wednesday forenoon for the northern part of the valley, intending to make stops at each of the towns. By leisurely stages they will travel northward to Santa Barbara, timing their trip so as to arrive for the fleet celebration at the old mission town.

The personnel of the party is as follows: E. E. Calvin, general manager; and Mrs. Calvin, Miss Erminie Calvin, Frank Calvin; H. V. Platt, division superintendent, and Mrs. Platt, Misses Dorothy and Virginia Platt; E. C. Mason of Odgen, Utah; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Roberts of San Bernardino; Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, Clyde Wilcox, Howard B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Eisenmayer, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Heberd and Mr. and Mrs. D. Johnston, all of Colton.

### POSTAL BUSINESS GROWS.

El Centro Postoffice Shows Increase—Larger Quarters Demanded.

Like every other concern in El Centro, the postoffice business is growing by leaps and bounds. There has been such an increase that more room is necessary, and the office will spread out so as to occupy most of the space on the east side of the Brown building, as a temporary arrangement, and in July the postoffice will be installed in

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OUR SHOES WILL FIT THE PURSE AND PLEASE THE FEET.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT INSURES YOU CLEAN GOODS AT THE RIGHT PRICE. VEGETABLES AND FRUITS FRESH EVERY DAY.

## B. SALOMON & CO.

MAIN ST., EL CENTRO.

UP-TO-DATE MERCHANTS.

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# WE ARE HERE TO STAY.

the new brick rooms at the rear of the Rumsey department store, fronting on Sixth street.

A comparison of stamp sales shows the growth of business at this office. For the quarter ending March 3, 1907, the stamp sales amounted to \$398.61; for the quarter ending December 31, 1907, stamp sales amounted to \$838.88, and this included the Christmas holiday business, which is always of considerable volume. For the quarter ending March 31, 1908, the El Centro postoffice sold stamps to the amount of \$1333.24.

For the month of March, 1907, money orders were issued for \$894.35; while for the month of March, 1908, money orders issued amounted to \$4503.03. From the El Centro postoffice the recently established star route to Silsbee is supplied with mail. The increase in incoming and outgoing mail the past three months has been remarkable. Frequently the evening train brings in seven mail pouches for this office.

# Right Shoes at Right Prices

WE ARE SHOE SPECIALISTS. WE BUY IN LARGE QUANTITIES DIRECT FROM THE BIG EASTERN FACTORIES. YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN OUR LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO STORES HAVE SHOWN US HOW TO BUY RIGHT, WHAT TO BUY AND HOW TO SELL RIGHT. WE SHALL OPEN OUR NEW STORE ON MAIN STREET, IN EL CENTRO, NEXT TO GOODRICH'S, ON SATURDAY, MAY 2. WE SHALL GET THE BEST THE MARKET AFFORDS FOR OUR IMPERIAL VALLEY CUSTOMERS. YOU CAN GET ANYTHING YOU WANT IN THE SHOE LINE AT OUR STORE AND WE'LL GUARANTEE THE PRICES WILL BE RIGHT. REPAIRING BY AN EXPERT. COME AND SEE US.

# Valley Shoe Store

Main St., EL CENTRO

## Classified Liners

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Citrus Stock—Washington Navels, Thompson's Improved Navels, Late Valencia, Eureka Lemons. Apply to C. L. McFarland & Company, R. D. No. 3, Riverside, Calif. 3-1f

FOR SALE—80 acres of as fine land as there is in the wonderful Imperial Valley; exceptionally fine soft land and situate four miles west of El Centro. Will consider part payment in other real estate. Ira Aten Land Co., El Centro, Calif. 3-3t

FOR SALE—60 head of work horses and colts, one and two years old; also 60 cows, heifers, steers and calves. For particulars, call on V. E. Stockwell & Co., El Centro, or at the W. G. Record ranch, 5 miles east of Heber. 3-1t

FOR SALE—Mules and scrapers. See C. P. Randolph, owner, El Centro, or T. B. Owen, Calexico. Terms given. 3-1f

FOR SALE—Cheap, good team, medium sized mules; 1 1/2 in. Mitchell spring wagon and good harness, just the thing for cantaloupes. Call one block west of court house, on Main street, at camp wagon. 3-1t\*

FOR SALE—Two hickory wagons; also mower and rake. Inquire at Johnson, Duman & Cox's real estate office. 1-1f

FOR SALE—Stove wood, 4-foot or stove lengths, delivered for \$8.50 a cord. Call or drop a card to L. L. Forrester, El Centro. 48-1f

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—240 acres, fully water stocked, all in growing crops, fenced and cross-fenced, ripe for subdivision; want part cash, part good Los Angeles; do not submit anything which will not bear strictest investigation. See R. E. Jauman. 48-1f

FOR SALE—Eight milch cows, singly or in lot. Good milkers and giving lots of milk now. 2 1/2 miles southeast of Heber. F. A. Blake. 52-4t

FOR SALE—Orange seed-bed stock, free from frost and scale. J. T. Collins, Redlands, Calif. 1-3t\*

FOR SALE—Span of mules, 6 years old, 800 pounds, good roadsters. Hussey Bros., Silsbee. 52-55\*

FOR SALE—A few choice young milch cows; also finely bred registered Jersey bull; also three-year-old Durham bull. H. Mikusick, Depot Stables. 48-1f

FOR SALE—Water stock in Water Co. No. 1. Write for price. Address D., Press office, El Centro. 1-1f

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—320 acres, 320 shares water stock, good house, shade trees, fenced and cross fenced; 200 acres in alfalfa, balance in barley; sandy loam soil; this is a chance of a life time and will not last. See R. E. Jauman. 48-1f

FOR SALE—Ranch team, cheap. Inquire of J. F. Tout. 47-1f

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—160 acres, fully water stocked; extra fine sandy loam soil; no better in the valley; half cash, balance good Los Angeles property or nearby. See R. E. Jauman. 48-1f

FOR SALE—DeLaval steam separator, nearly new. Also DeLaval hand separator for sale cheap. Inquire of Mrs. F. McKusick, 2 miles west of Heber. d21f

FOR SALE—100 head of first class dairy cows, 1 mile west and half-mile north of El Centro. Will sell payable one-half of creamery check. Crawford, Davis & Burbank. 36-1f

FOR SALE—One Holstein cow, good family cow. Address A. S. Fell 4 NE of El Centro. 28-1f

FOR SALE—160 acres sandy loam in No. 8, all in cultivation; \$40.00 per acre; liberal discount for cash.—Imperial County Land Co., Blackinton Bldg. 38-1f

### FOR EXCHANGE.

FOR EXCHANGE—Two fine modern flats, 12 rooms each, splendid location, bringing in good rental, furnished. For Imperial Valley land up to \$8000. Address Box 965, Riverside. 48-1f

FOR EXCHANGE—Lemon and orange grove, 10 years old, adjoining good town. Want Imperial soft land or improved town property. G. W. Donley, West Eighth St., Imperial. 2-2t\*

### WANTED

POULTRY—Tuesday, April 28, is the last day on which poultry will be received this season. Geo. T. Irvin. 3-1t

WANTED—25 or 30 dairy cows. State price and give description of cows. Will Stanton, El Centro. On Record place, 5 miles east of Heber. 2-2t\*

WANTED—To rent a piano for about four months. W. H. Sprague 36 El Centro, Cal.

WANTED—Water stock in No. 1. We are in the market for a quick deal. Garey-Hood Land Co. 1-7t

WANTED—Young man wants work on ranch; some experience. William J. Heller, Imperial. 3-2t\*

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—100 acres of fine cantaloupe land. Enquire of Salisbury Bros., 1 mile east of El Centro. 32-1f

FOR LEASE—For a term of years, 160 acres soft land, near Heber. No better soil or location in the valley. Reasonable rates to the right man. L. M. Dougherty, Heber. 3-1f

### LOST, STRAYED AND FOUND.

LOST—Twelve-year-old bay pony, near the Sisson ranch, east of El Centro. Notify S. E. Willard, Holtville, and get reward. 3-2t\*

LOST—A light chestnut sorrel mare, weight about 1100 pounds. Sear on hind leg. Finder notify Petrie Bros., Imperial. Reward. 2-1f

STRAYED—To ranch of R. L. Wilson, 2 1/2 miles south and 1/2 mile west of El Centro, 1 full-grown black sow, 1 young sow, black and white spotted, and 1 young boar, black and red spotted. Cole Filson, El Centro.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Superior Court of the County of Imperial, State of California. In the matter of the estate of James Coon, deceased.

Estate of James Coon, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of James Coon, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the first publication of this notice to the said administratrix at the law office of Conkling & Brown, in El Centro, Imperial county, California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said county of Imperial.

Dated at El Centro, California, this 22nd day of April, A. D. 1908. IRENE COON, Administratrix of the estate of James Coon, deceased. apr 25-may 16

### UNION CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Regular services, Sunday School, at 10. Preaching at 11, by Dr. R. P. Shepherd. Also at 7:30. All are cordially invited.

The name "Goodrich" is synonymous with good furniture at right prices.

Tried Dunaway's famous ice cream soda yet?

Brighten up with Sherwin-Williams paint. You can get it from El Centro Hardware & Implement Co.

Candy Easter novelties at Dunaway's drug store.

Delicious nut sundaes at Dunaway's drug store.

Rheumatic Pains Relieved. Mr. Thos. Stenton, postmaster of Pontypool, Ont., writes: "For the past eight years I suffered from rheumatic pains, and during that time I used many different liniments and remedies for the cure of rheumatism. Last summer I procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and got more relief from it than anything I have ever used, and cheerfully recommend this liniment to all sufferers from rheumatic pains." For sale at the El Centro drug store.

Fresh chocolates at Dunaway's drug store.